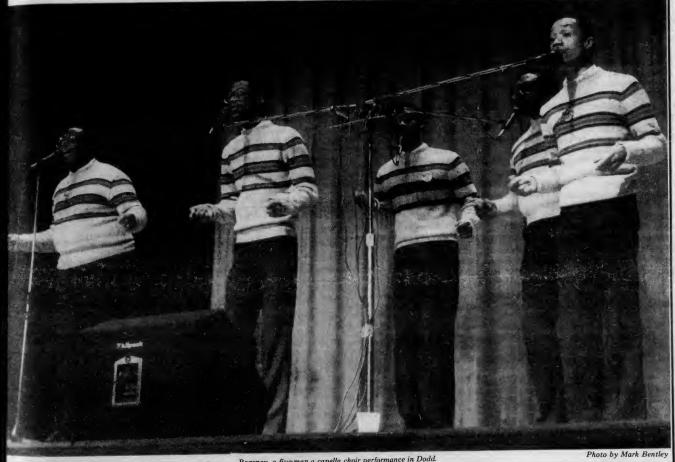
# The Bullet

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# Black Culture Celebrated at MWC



Regency, a five-man a capella choir performance in Dodd.

by KATHY MCDONALD

The activities of Black History lonth are geared for the whole camus community," said Afro-American Association Club president, Kristina Truell. "It is a great opportunity for all students to learn bout black culture," she said.

The Afro-American Association as about forty members and is the primary sponsor of Black History Month. The club is a service organization for both the college and arrounding community. "We work through the local churches and rganize a tutorial board for MWC udents as well," explained Truell. Throughout February various acivities will be held on campus to celebrate black poets, lecturers and musicians. These events include a lecture by engineer Paul Robeson, a poetry reading by Judith Thompson,

and a block show and Motown night in the Pub. The club will also sponsor the film "An Officer and a Gentleman" on February 25.

Student response to Black History Month has been good in the past although Truell states that there are still some misconceptions about what the activities are for. "We don't celebrate Black History month simply for MWC's black students," said Truell, "but for everyone to enjoy. We're hoping the activities will be well-attended.

The planning for Black History Month 1984 began in March of 1983, under the guidance of Sally Washington, then the club's advisor. "We usually get ideas from the club members about what types of activities will appeal to everyone," said Truell. Contacting prospective guest speakers and performers begins almost a year in advance.

The Afro-American Association, as the February events' major sponsor, has had their share of financial difficulties. "We operate on a budget like any other club," said Truell, "and occassionally need funds. President Anderson has been very supportive in helping us raise money.'

In addition, the Afro-American Association is working with a new oderator, Jackie Currie, Coordinator of Student Minority Affairs and Academic Advising. Currie spends much of her time working with black students in social, cultural and educational programs. Since last September Currie has held the position and has learned about MWC's academic system

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#### **Editorial**

# **Journalism**

Judging from recent letters to the editor, there seems to be confusion as to the function of the various contributers to The Bullet. It is our hope to clear up the confusion in this week's editorial, which brings us to our first point.

Editorials are not articles. They are unsigned statements written by member(s) of The Bullet editorial board, reflecting an opinion that the majority of us hold. For example, last week's editorial addressed statements made by a member of the Judicial Court. The Bullet asked him why the Court was imposing harsher sentences. He told us that the Court, in an effort to gain credibility, had become "more consistent" and was no longer taking into consideration whether or not the accused had tried to avoid violation (see Feb. 7 The Bullet.) Because these statements were in answer to a question on sentencing, the editors deducted that the consistency was in effect in both verdict and sentence. We then voiced our disapproval in an editorial.

Columns are not news articles. Our columnists have complete freedom. They are expressing their opinions and we never edit that opinion. On rare occasions we edit for clarity, but never for content or style. For example, Chris Gay's recent column on the film series "Social Responses to Nuclear Weapons" expressed his opinion, and the printing of that opinion under a columnist byline was not journalistically irresponsible, as stated in one letter to the editor. Printing opinion in a news story is irresponsible. Printing opinion in a column is the practice of reputable newspapers across the land.

When opinion in news stories is printed, it is attributed to the holder of that opinion. The beer pumpers had it right in their recent letter to the editor. They addressed their complaints to the parties who charged the pumpers with negligence and not to The Bullet for printing the said charge.

We at The Bullet encourage letters to the editor and print all signed letters without editing the opinion expressed. We do, however correct punctuation errors.

As journalists, we realize our responsibility to print the facts and are sensitive to the opinion aroused by the facts we report. Expression of that opinion is the right of each of our readers and also our writers in the form of columns and editorials. We will never interfere with that right.

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# D'Amico Responds to Editorial

In response to the article in the February 7 issue of The Bullet entitled "Consistency?" I would like to make an important clarification with reference to the Judicial Court's policy on consistency.
First, the Judicial Court does

adhere to the policy of determining each case on its own merit. Any judicial body realizes that such a policy is implicit in the equal application of legal standards-in this case, college rules and regulations. The present Judicial Court actively employs this policy in all cases which appear before the Court for review.

Secondly, the Court does recognize that there are cases in which the party involved did not intend to violate an MWC policy. And it is here that the Court derives it's consistency in reaching a verdict-not sentencing. If a student blatantly violates a policy at MWC, and must appear before the Court, it is Court policy to administer a punishment which is more severe in consequence than a penalty given to a person who accidentally violates a rule. However. this editorial seems to suggest that those who accidentally violate judicial policy and those who opt to ignore the rules are sentenced consistently. Not so. Simply stated, the Court does give more lenient sentences to those who make efforts to avoid violating the rules than those who choose to ignore the Judicial System.

I might suggest at this point that the the author(s) of "Consistency?" attempt to differentiate in meaning. The wording of the editorial in question refers to precedence (and not consistency) which is not a Judicial Court tool for decision-making. Next time, it is the aspirations of the Court that the author(s) reflect more selectively on the choice of titles for such articles, and furthermore, attempt to apply the correct terminology to the institution to which

Thirdly, the Judicial Court does not pretend to have far-reaching impact on the lives of the students. However, if the Court is to gain credibility, it is necessary to enforce the rules, and to punish those who violate them-intentionally or not. The purpose of the Court is not to

blemish the students' records with visitation violations (and the like but to enforce College policy Perhaps it would be more productive to address criticisms of college policy. Perhaps it would be more pro ductive to address criticisms of college policy to the appropriate representative student body, but it is unfair to charge that the Judicial Court is assuming a position contrary to the students' interests. The Court must enforce the rules under the guidelines established in the Constitution of the Student Association, and we have acheived this goal fairly and with purpose.

Finally, in response to the idea concerning the extension of Judicial disciplinary power to the residence halls-a Court committee design to investigate such a possibility has been established and is currently in action. Mary Washington did have such a system until the Fall 1980 semester at which time it was replace ed by the present judicial system.

> Sincerely Michael D'Amico Judicial Counci

### Nuclear Film Series Defended

As one of the organizers of the film series, "Social Responses to Nuclear Weapons," I must respond to a letter-to-the-editor and to a column which appeared in the February 7 issue of the Bullet.

Jennifer Lee's letter objected to the biased or one-sided presentation of materials in our first film, "America: From Hitler to MX." I agree with her general observation, but I have difficulty accepting the particulars of her argument. She claims, for example, that the film portrayed only the views of "blue collar, liberal democrats." While it is true that various skilled manual workers and labor union leaders appeared in the film, Ms. Lee's characterization of those interviewed hardly encompasses a retired U.S. Admiral, a retired German NATO General, a former deputy director of CIA, a former research analyst from the Department of Defense, various U.S. Senators and Representatives, and a British professor of epidemiology. Another example of bias raised by Ms. Lee concerns what she appears to consider politiclly extreme positions stated in the film, such as "that we don't need to run against the USSR by trying to match or even surpass their nuclear tehnology and resources." Such a view, while controversial to some, is hardly extreme: a May, 1982, survey of American adults revealed that 83 percent agreed that "it doesn't matter if the U.S. or the Soviet Union is ahead in nuclear weapons because both sides have more than enough to destroy each other no matter who attacks first.

No doubt the film was one-sided. However, what Ms. Lee fails to consider is that all films regarding the history and politics of nuclear

weapons development are politically slanted in one fashion or another. Believing that the topic was particularly significant, we selected a film which presented a viewpoint that is not frequently included in discussions of nuclear arms control-i.e., the perspective of American labor. Moreover, because it is virtually impossible to locate unbiased or balanced films on topics concerning nuclar weapons, we have arranged to have commentators present after each showing in order to place the content of the films in a broader perspective. Ms. Lee, and all others in the audience, had ample opportunity to respond to the film during this discussion period. That she did not voice her concerns or raise her objections cannot be blamed on the film itself or on the sponsors of

Chris Gay's column, "Nuclear Film Series Lacks Credibility. raises far more serious issues. His article attacks the credibility of the entire film series in the basis of distorted and inaccurate statements concerning our first film. His principal criticism, to which he devotes four paragraphs, is that the film did not address a crucial issue, the effectiveness of deterrence as a military strategy. The statement is simply false. In fact, the film presented Dr. Herbert Scoville, among others, remarking on the relative invulnerability of the United States nuclear triad (land-, air-, and seabased missile deployments). Instead of ignoring the deterrence issue, as Mr. Gay asserts, the film raised the question of whether continued weapons development and deployment-such as the MX and the European based Pershing II and cruise missiles-enhances or undermines this cornerstone of American

strategic policy.

Also Mr. Gay makes repeated references to the "nuclear freeze" orientation of the film shown on February 1 and of the film series itself. While it is true that various in dividuals protrayed in the film have elsewhere aligned themselves with the nuclear freeze campaign, the issue itself was never raised. Moreover, to question the deterrent capacity of new weapons systems is not equivalent to expressing a "no stance. In other forms, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, certainly no "freeze-nik" has questioned the wisdom of deploying the MX missile due to its potential for upsetting the deterrent balance. More importantly, Mr. Gay's concluding claim that the film series is designed "for those who enjoy having their preconceived no tions of the correctness of an immediate nuclear freeze amplified and articulated" is wholly unfounded The purpose of the the film series is to inform people about and to encourage discussion of the nuclear arms control debate. To do so re quires presenting information and ideas which some will find disconcering and disagreeable. The issues in volved are complex, and answers, as we all know, are difficult to find. The film series certainly will not reveal the "truth" of these matters, as Mr. Gay so naively assumes to exist; for answers to issues of global significance.

We welcome dialogue and disagreement; but distortion of 8 films content and unwarranted at tacks on the motives of the series' sponsors are most unhelpful and, I might add, journalistically irresport

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MWC Nuclear Study Group

### IRC Congratulates

To the editor:

The International Relations Club ould like to recognize and congratulate the following people for their superior performances at the three model United Nations conerences we attended this school vear at Georgetown University, October 27-30, where we represented the People's Republic of China and Indonesia; at University of Pennsylvania, November 10-13, where we represented Argentina; and Princeton University, February 2-5. here we represented France: Patti Barry, Nancy Burns, Pam Davis, Suzanne Gisler, Holly Knepper, arah Kosak, Jennifer Lee, Jennifer Metzger, Rob Metzler, Becky Pasini, Janet Pittman, Jamie Rund, Renee Rund and Julie West.

We would like to give a special thanks to Dane Foust, the RD of Jefferson Hall for coming to the University of Pennsylvania with us.

At these model United Nations Conferences, we played the role of ambassadors to the United Nations of the countries we were assigned. We gave that country's viewpoint on th topic areas chosen for the committees. We competed with schools of all sizes including Ivy League schools, Westpoint, UNC Chapel Hill, UVA, VMI, W&L, Georgetown, GWU and MSU among others. We were judged on the basis of speaking ability, caucusing skills, knowledge of rules and procedures of the United Nations.

Last year out of four conferences we attended we won several best delegate awards at three (Georgetown, Princeton and Appalachian State). This year Suzanne Gisler won an honorable mention at the University of Pennsylvania and a best delegate award at Princeton University for the club. Again we want to thank and congratulate all who attended the conferences for their excellent performances and hope they continue their fine representation of Mary Washington.

Sincerely, Suzanne F. Gisler, President IRC Sarah L. Kosak, Vice President IRC Becky Pasini, Secretary-Treasurer

Greg Waters, Publicity Chairman

## Minority Quota Problem Explained

by KATHRYN PARSONS

With Black History Month come questions about Mary Washington College reaching its quota for the number of black students set by the Virginia legislature. That quota or "numerical objective" for MWC was set for 32 black freshmen or transfers this year. The quota for next fall is 48.

MWC, along with four other Virginia schools, including William and Mary, VMI and VPI, failed to reach its objective. Twenty-three new black students came here this year. According to Executive Vice President Ray Merchent, there are three main reasons for the low number.

The first problem is financial. MWC has a relatively limited endowment when compared to schools such as U.Va., which have the funds necessary to attract those seeking financial aid. In this way, other schools draw on the pool of eligible black students, making it difficult for MWC to reach its objective.

Another difficulty stems from the fact that black students, as well as white students, seem to seek admission to schools with a reputation for having a majority of their race. Traditionally black institutions have numerical objectives for whites.

Finally, the location of MWC tends to be a factor as the black population in this area is not particularly high, except in the Northern Neck or the region between the Potomac and the Rappahanock Rivers. Schools south of the James River have less of a problem fulfilling their objectives due to the rise of the black population there.

If MWC and the other schools fall short of reaching the quotas set for 1985, there could be some serious im-

plications, the worst being revocation of all federal funds for those colleges.

MWC is making efforts to avoid such a throwback. "It is a moral obligation to meet and exceed those objectives for the social good and we are exerting every effort to do just that," said Merchent.

The first step was to employ a Coordinator of Minority Affiars. Jacqueline Currie was given that position. Currie is responsible coordinating the minority students academic affairs and following up on the development of opportunities for them.

Merchent explained that perhaps the toughest aspect of her job is integrating black students into the primarily white student body but yet allowing them to maintain a sense of communion as a part of the black community. As Merchent sees it, "Everyone needs an island to retreat to."

Of course MWC's method of recruitment in high schools is still in stilled with much vigor as representative from our campus visit about 300 high schools in the area. MWC's recruitment program also sponsors bus visits and tours for prospective

There are also numerical objectives set for the black, full-time faculty members and black graduate students. MWC has met the imposed quotas in the graduate program, however the college needs three black faculty members by 1985. Again though, the problem of competing with other schools that can offer better salaries to those highly cought after black Ph.D's arises. The college currently has three part-time black faculty members.

# Blacks Speak Out On Campus Life

by DEONA HOUFF

Although blacks at Mary Washington College feel they are accepted by the campus, most think MWC needs to put a more concentrated effort into attracting and keeping black students.

MWC has only 77 black students, but one of them, Debby Jones, said it often feels as if there are even less. "When you're the only black in a class full of strangers, you feel sort of isolated," she said. Freshman Crystal Branch agreed, saying that even though she knew blacks are only two percent of the student population and still chose to come to MWC, she wishes there was a greater mix of all races at MWC.

And until some changes are made, the number of blacks here will stay small. Said junior Lynn Sweatt, "They (the College) want us to come here, but I see no proof of their really wanting us besides in February (Black History Month)." Sweatt suggests that all campus organizations sponsor activities that will appeal to blacks, such as black speakers, films, and hands.

"There doesn't seem to be much effort to emphasize black culture," said Branch, who is disappointed with Black History Month. Branch feels the campus needs activities that will enlighten everyone, faculty and students, whites and orientals. Sweatt suggested classes in black literature and history from which all races would benefit.

The lack of activities affects black students attitudes. Jones says word of mouth is the best recruitment tool and says the school gave some black students information to give prospective black students at the end of Spring semester, 1983. When black friends ask about MWC, Sweatt says she simply tells them it is a good liberal arts school and does not mention black activities. Jones said she "lets people know MWC is not a prejudiced school but a lot more could be done on all our parts to make MWC better for blacks."

Efforts are being made. Jones, the Afro-American Association vice-president, said her organization promotes black activities and stressed membership is open to all MWC students. "We want people to join not just because they're black but because they want to contribute," she said.

Last fall the Student Minority Affairs office was formed with Jacqueline Currie named as coordinator. One of her projects will be the Summer Transition Program (STP). During August 21-26, 1983, most black freshmen and transfers spent the week touring campus and attending workshops on academic policies and study skills. The program was paid for by the Commonwealth of Virginia and students attending were compensated for travel costs and because of missing work for a week. Included in the program was a trip to a dinner theatre in Wood-

Bill Crawley, Executive Assistant to the President directed the program. Currie will direct STP this year. According to Currie, the purpose of last year's program was to 'try to make sure incoming black students had a good orientation to campus and felt good about being here. We wanted to let them know the college really did want them and recognized they were coming into what might be an awkward situa-This year's purpose will tion. broaden and include non-black students. The basic criteria for invited students has not yet been decided, said Currie.

Freshman Leslie Payne went through the program and said that while the sessions gave her a good idea of what college life is like, the program's special treatment at first made her feel isolated from the rest of the campus. Now she feels no different from any other student and realizes STP was "the school's way of helping the minority out. For a students who is not prepared for college, it is necessary-for blacks and whites."

Crystal Branch declined her invitation. "I went to prep school. I took it as an insult. I was prepared for college," she said.

But Currie said STP did what was needed. "It created a comradery. It is very possible for blacks to come to MWC and not meet other blacks for a very long time."

#### DEAR MWC STUDENTS,

WHILE WE'RE CELEBRATING OUR 7th YEAR ANNIVERSARY WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR 2 FOR 1 SPECIALS. WE'VE BEEN SERVING YOU FOR THE PAST 6 YEARS AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MORE TO COME. PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR SPECIALS. \$4.48 FOR THE PITA BREAD SANDWICHES AND 2 FOR THE PRICE OF 1 ON LARGE AND SMALL PIZZAS UNTIL THE END OF THE SEMESTER.

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**CHRIS GAY** 

### No Winners in Lebanon

The sighs of relief over the President's decision to move the Marines out of Lebanon are long and deep and entirely premature. To begin with, the 1600 Marines will not actually be off Lebanese soil for at least another month - some say another three or four months. That leaves plenty of time for another October 23rd-type disaster to occur, possibly renewing and prolonging our involvement there.

If that seems unlikely, just remember that the Marines were already removed once, after their initial three week stay, and were on the way back home when, in the wake of renewed violence and the civilian massacre of September, 1982, they were recalled and redeployed to where they have been ever since.

The Marines stay in that shattered land is the result of a vacillating policy of an administration that is, ironically, both chastised and praised for what many see as decisiveness and many others see as inflexibility. They were first sent in as a part of a multi-national contingent whose pur-

pose was to assist in the evacuation of Israeli troops which had spent the previous two months chasing the PLO into Northern Lebanon.

At sone point after that, the Israelis deemed safely removed, the policy (a word used with utmost looseness here) was ostensibly one of supporting the teetering Gemayel Regime. Still later the rational was that we were needed to keep peace (which has rarely existed) and, most recently, the whole thing was cast into the light of the East-West confrontation, i.e., we were there to curb the influence If the Soviet-backed Syrians.

We changed position 180 degrees in 18 months: where our original intention was to encourage something called peace, we now slink away, having long since breached the boundry that seperates peace-keepers from war-makers. Our policy now is to bombard with impunity those factions which threaten the Lebanese government, a government, which as I write, should not last the weekend.

All the while we were vulnerable to another Tonkin Gulf type incident that could keep us there for the forseeable future.

We are at one of these forks that the road of history occasionally offers; as in November of 1963 when the fall of the Diem regime gave us a chance to reevaluate a similarly indecisive policy in South Vietnam, so now we have a pretext for a more definitive approach to the problem of Lebanon. As always, the choice seems to be either complete and unwaivering support for the regime in question or complete withdrawl. And, as always, our desire is to have the benefits of both options without the risks of either, to be able to influence events in distant places without the cost that such influence

If the past gives any indication of the future, it is safe to say that we will continue trying to ride both of these horses at once, realizing the folly of it all when we have fallen in hetween

DAVID MINOR

# A "Slickee" Night In the Pool Room

Last Friday night, The Slickee Boys ventured into the MWC Pool Room. Being the dutiful critic that I am, I decided to see what these Boys were about. I had heard through WMWC (the promoter for the event) that the band was quite good and they were acheiving a bit of success. The telling sign of the The Slickee Boys renown was their video, which had made it to the big time. Yes, The Slickee Boys have a video on that bulwark of culture, M-TV. These guys must be musical gods!

Yet again I was skeptical. "What sort of music would a band named The Slickee Boys play?" I mumbled to myself as I got myself ready to go to the pub. Then I remembered that I had heard of the Slickee Boys. It was not from M-TV that I received my first exposure. It was WMWC which introduced me to Slickee music some two years ago when the station brought back some Slickee singles from the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System convention. I believe I actually played a song off of their single on my Friday evening radio show. I suddenly remembered. these guys were weird.

So, I went ahead to the pub, meeting some friends at the C-Shop and hanging around them until time to get in line, some 50 minutes before the scheduled opening of MWC's premiere night spot. Both my friends and I know from past experience that there is no guarantee of entering the pub, unless one gets in line early.

Thus, we got into line (there was a line by that time) and my friend turned on his tape player. We, and the other people in line listened to U-2 while a crowd gathered to our rear. The famous pub line was forming. As I was standing in line I noticed that every so often someone would see their friend in front of the line and them proceed to join them there. Now, this would be fine if only a few people did it and if there was unlimited seating in our lovely Pool Room. Neither case, however, applied to the situation, so the conversion from a line to a mob was inevitable once the people in line caught wind of what the people moving in to line were doing.

By 8 p.m. I felt like I was on the subway in rush hour. Suddenly everyone got very familiar with the physique of everyone else. Somepone lit a cigarette behind me and I thought she would succeed in lighting my jacket also. People in the Mid-east may like close quarters, but I was brought up in the United States, and as much as I try to be an international type of guy, I still become uncomfortable.

Eight o'clock rolled around and the mob was ready to take its dose of Slickees and beer. I could feel the tension ripple throughtout the mass of humanity as the mob braced itself for an evening that in the words of a fellow sardine packed next to me was "going to be excellent."

Eight:ten rolled around and still the doors had yet to open. Needless to say, the enthusiasm began to dim somewhat as the doors remained closed. Periodically, members of the WMWC board would either push through the crowst to get inside the help facilitate the opening or pole their head outside to talk to their friends in the front of the line.

Finally, WMWC's Music Director poked her head out into the crowd She informed us that it would be twenty minutes before the doon could be opened because The Slicke Boys needed to sound check their equipment. Now, I can understan needing a sound check. But why 10 minutes after the doors were already supposed to open. Somebody goofed Twenty lackluster minutes passe and I had an interesting time listen ing to the people around me discuss how many drugs they had taken that evening or how much they had drank or under what circumstances they would take this drug or that drink It was sociology heaven.

At around 8:30 p.m. or thereabouts the illustrious must director again appeared to those in the front of the line. The membership of that elite group had changed somewhat, as some discouraged partiers left the line and other adverturous souls slid along the sides of the entrance way to the pub and showed their manners by taking their rightful place at the head of the line. The music director then informed us that another 15 minutes wa needed for further sound checking.

At that moment I hoped that not too many people in that crowd had seen the opening sequences to the movie Pink Ployd, The Wall. I alis hoped that the fans of Fredericksburg in 1984 did not regard The Slickee Boys in the same way that the fans of Cinncinati in 1977 regarded The Who. Many people at this point decided it was not worth the wait and left.

We hardy souls who stuck it out were eventually let in at the ab solutely outrageous price of \$3.00.1 say absolutely outrageous because the wait involved cut down the playing time of the group. I know the conditions to which WMWC agreed when they got The Slickee Boys, sol know they did not make money off of this deal. Still, the band did not justify \$3.00 and 45 minutes extra waiting time, even if they have appeared on M-TV.

The band, when we finally did get to hear it, was not bad at all. Bands with a sense of humor always please me, and in this age of political statement and violence in the music, it is refreshing when a band opts to have fun instead of trying to cause revolutionary consciousness.

The Slickee Boys have much potential, and it would not be a disappointment at all for them to continue to have success, even beyond M-TV. Last Friday evening they still could not generate \$3.00 and 45 extra minutes of entertainment. Probably someone on the order of The Rolling Stones would make the wait and the expense justified.

### **Major Circus Aids Undeclared**

by CRISTINE CONNELL

On Feb. 20, 1984, MWC will hold the 3rd Annual Major Circus in Seacobeck Basement from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

The event, co-sponsored by Academic Services and the Academic Affairs Committee, will take place in a true circus atmosphere with free popcorn, balloons, prizes, circus music, clowns and even a surprise ringmaster.

Major Circus was designed to help those with undeclared majors gather information from different fields, obtain requirement sheets, and discuss different career possibilites with numerous advisors.

Professors from every department, academic advisors, and department representatives will be on hand to answer any questions students may have about a particular major.

Major Circus coordinators, Amy Hale, Assistant Dean for Academic and Career Advising and Director of Internship Program, and Linda Hofstetter, Academic Counselor, have been working hard to make this year's circus beneficial to the undeclared major and a fun-filled night for everyone involved.

New ideas such as using a computer to analyze student career interests, as well as the use of video tapes will be tested at this year's circus.

Although it may not be "The Greatest Show on Earth", Major Circus may prove to be particularly helpful to sophomores, who declare their major by March 9, but it is open to all interested students.



#### JIM EMERY

# 1983 Ed Anger Awards

The slaughter of pigs is also lemanded by rituals associated with wafare. The number of pigs killed is incelly related to the severity of the lighting. This matter will be treated m more detail in the next chapter. Roy A. Rappaport, Pigs for Ancestors

There are things I'd rather be dong in 1984, and one of them isn't eviewing the year past, but teadlines do strange things to one's riorities.

So, without further ado, I submit he 1983 Ed Anger Awards and assorted Bitchings, named in honor f the columnist for The Weekly World News, a "must read" tabloid or those who like their journalism a hade yellower and, assuredly, reirder. Ava. "ble at your local super-market checkout counter...

welling in his eyes and with an indignation that only a man in a Brooks Brothers can pull off, Falwell read the portions of the parody that were "fit for the air."

When he finished reading the ad, Falwell reached behind his desk to retrieve additional props for his diatribe. "Oh Christ," I said. ."He's not going to pull out a picture of his mother, is he?"

Sure enough, Falwell produced a photo of his dead mother, who "thank the Lord, isn't alive to see this (filth)."

In 1983, when Flynt wasn't picking on Falwell and his mom, the porno prince was, among other things, paying fines for contempt of court charges and, alas, screaming obscenities at no less than the Supreme Court. Paul McCartney getting busted (he's not doing anything more constructive, is he?), Germany, and-most of all-my girlfriend.

Anger's Applause For Work Above and Beyond the Call of Duty: To the Mary Washington College administration, for closing down the Pub and C-Shop recently so that drunken legislators wouldn't be in contact with drunken students.

A Salute to Two White Guys Just Messin' Around: Yuri Andropov and Ronald Reagan, both of whom were involved in elaborate lies. Yuri had a cold and, wh-huh Ronnie knows what the hell is going on.

Bright Idea of the Year Award: Ronald Reagan, for deciding to act "presidential" during the 1984 campaign. A change of pace is always appreciated in this corner.

# Coming Out Of the Closet

Most MWC students have not been here long enough to remember the Gay Student Union (GSU). Three years ago the GSU was one of the more active and visable groups on campus. A member of the Inter-club Association, and very involved, the GSU even sponsored a Gay Awareness Week featuring speakers, movies (Les Cage Aux Follies), and other such events.

MWC students extended a sort of passive acceptance of the GSU. Except for a fight between a non-Gav and some members of the GSU, there was very little open hostility. But because there was not much open resentment to the GSU does not mean there was widespread support of it either. For example, during Gay Awareness Week, the GSU tried to organize a particular day when everyone would wear blue jeans in support of Gay Rights. Now, if you look around the campus on any given day you will notice more than half the people you see will be wearing blue jeans. On the day that the GSU requested students to wear blue jeans, almost no one wore them. In fact, guys were dressing up in suits to show theydidn't support Gay Rights. Needless to say, while MWC students accepted the GSU, they did not extend support to it. By the next year, graduation and transfers decimated the leadership of the GSU and Gay students went "back in the Closet," so to speak.

I raise this point because there is a group of students who are trying to form another GSU. I've been told their number is substantial, probably greater then the national

statistics that indicate homosexuals represent 10 percent of the U.S. population. The group includes both men and women, and many of the women supposedly live in one dorm. The group is now trying to get organized, which includes achieving club status.

The immediate challenge to the Gay students is to develop leadership that is willing to stand out and be recognized on a campus wide basis. Besides harrassment which may occur, any student who assumes leadership of the GSU will come under great scrutiny and pressure from both Gays and non-Gays. However, if national averages pan out at MWC, Gays can expect 200-300 students to be among their number. (Some well informed persons believe the Gay population at MWC to be higher than the national average.) Even if half that number "out of the closet," the GSU would be among the biggest social organizations on campus, a fact difficult to ignore.

The challenge for the rest of MWC is how they will accept the GSU. Because of their sheer numbers, Gays will not be hounded from campus. Gays throughout the U.S. are making substantial political progress (and are expected to make an impact at the presidential conventions next summer), it is only a matter of time before they become active at MWC. The difficulty for MWC is facing reality; that here, just like outside of school, one in ten Americans is Gay. That is something we have to learn to live with.

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Men of the Year. While Time agazine's Men of the Year, Yuri Andropov and Ronald Reagan, were working on mundane matters like world peace, Jerry Falwell and Larry lynt-my personal choices for the anger accolades-were engaged in a engthy battle over a "your nomma" joke.

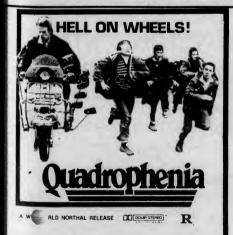
In case you missed the sordid etails, Falwell took offense to a arody of a popular liquor ad that ppeared in Flynt's rag, Hustler agazine. The parody suggested, in ubtlety only Flynt could muster, hat the Right Reverend's "first line" was his own mother.

I had the dubious pleasure of wathing Falwell attack the parody and s author one Sunday night on *The* ld Time Gospel Hour. With tears Things I'd Sell Jerry's Mother to See Less of in 1994: Break dancing, typos in my column, guards outside the college bookstore, Mr. T., fushia, fat women in tights, Sports Il-lustrated commercials, George Michael, Olivia Newton-John and John Travolta, college attendance policies, the Spotsylvania Mall, Men at Work, and-in the interest of brevity, just on more--Brooke Shields.

Things I'd Sell Larry's Wheelchair To See More of in 1984: Freedom, Mr. T. reading a book, Richard Simmons with a real job, cheap beer, the Penguin Cafe Orchestra, people who can see the theme in "That Gethsemane Gab, or Food Fight at the Last Supper," cheap medical care, Alan Thicke with a real job, U2,

The Chow Down in the Streets Award: To Edwin Meese and Ronald Reagan. Meese wins for his revelation that there are no hungry people in this country, and Reagan deserves mention for his recent comment that there are some Americans who choose to be homeless. This Anger accolade comes with an additional prize: a baloney sandwich, no cheese, served on the grate of their choice.

Last but not least, a copy of Pigs for Ancestors goes to those persons responsible for American presence in Lebanon, El Salvador, et al. That and a few words of wisdom from the poet Neruda: "The blood of children,' flowed out onto the streets/ like...like the blood of children."



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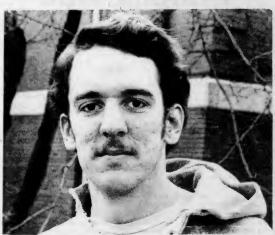
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# **Practice Makes Perfect Swimmers**



Swimmer Lowell Gibson who holds a record in the 100mbackstroke.

Photo by Mark Bentley

by JANE ELLEN MOSES

Milling around, joking with one another in the late afternoon, this group of people would appear to be just a bunch of friends about to mess around in the college pool. The easy casual atmosphere continues as they all slide into the water. But when the hair disappears under a swim cap and the swim goggles appear, one can tell that this is no poolside party. The pool is suddenly alive with splashing bodies and the MWC Swim Team starts another hard day's workout

Nearing the end of a season that

started back in September, MWC's swimming and diving team is still hard at work. The team, which is comprised of 13 women (three are divers only) and six men, spend near-16 hours a week practicing. Although practicing in the early morning as well as in the afternoon demands a lot of time from team members, Coach Jim Grace boasts that a large porton of the team maintains at least a 3.0 GPA.

This season the team has not only been competing with Division III teams but, higher division teams as well, thus providing better competimen's team was 2-1. So far this semester, both the men and women's teams have a current record of 0-3. Coach Grace explained that his strategy this semester was to cut down on the number of meets, opting to work on skill development.

Lately, the team has been swimming against higher division teams in hopes of bettering individual swim times. "I expect a hell of a lot from them," said Coach Grace. "On this team 'swimming' means cranking those times to a personal best."

Grace mentioned that even though the team members work hard, some tend to get down on themselves because they don't think they're improving. "They may not always be able to see the improvements in themselves, but I can," said Grace.

Many swimmers have indeed improved their personal times, and some have even set new school records. On the men's team junior Stan Smith has set new records in the 200 meter freestyle, 100m butterfly, 200m IM(individual medley) and in the 50m freestyle. Junior Lowell Gibson has the new record for 100m backstroke and freshman Ted Shelky holds the 100m breaststroke

On the women's team, senior Ann Cumming holds the record for the 500m freestyle, her most recent time in that event being only a second away from an NCAA qualifying time. Freshman Katie Regan now holds the record for the 50 meter breaststroke. Regan and sophmore

record for the 200m breaststroke. Sophmore Beth Kelly and jouior Rebecca Berry together with Regan and Cumming, hold the school record for the 400 medley relay.

Divers Lisa Leeper, Susanne Sonnegreh and Nancy Foster have also been practicing very hard this season. According to Coach Grace they all have good potential which has just recently begun developing.

The swim team has a few more small meets this season, but they are mostly centering their efforts on bettering individual time records on preparation for their last big meet at Frostburg State College in Maryland. The meet at Frostburg will give the individual swimmers a chance to qualify for the NCAA. Grace is hoping that at least one or two swimmers from MWC will

Some team members summed up their season by pointing out that the people who had worked hard, and put in the practice time, did end up improving. On the negative side, oneswimmer mentioned that those members who did work hard and attended all the practices resented those swimmers who rarely appeared at practices but were still allowed to compete.

According to Grace, MWC has a lot of untapped swimming talent. 'There are swimmers on campus who should be out there on the team. They could be qualifying for nationals right now, but for some reason or another, they're not here," he said.

The Bullet is looking for a sports editor. Applications should be submitted to ACL 304. If you have any questions please call ext.

### Cut-a-thon for Cancer

by ROSEMARIE DIAMOND

Interested in getting your hair without spending an arm and a la If so, mark February 20 on yo calendar. From noon until 8p.m. that date, the Circle K Club sponsor a cut-a-thon in A ballroom. The cuts will cost dollars and they will be dry cuts.

According to Circle K V president Leanne Raynor, "all preseds will be donated to American Cancer Society, which the district project for Circle K ch this semester." Other schools s as VPI are also sponsoring for raisers for ACS.

Appointments for cuts can made in the Dome Room, Tues through Friday, between 4:30 6p.m. Walk-ins are also welcom Leanne explained that the "A provided the stationary and stam to contact local hairdressers who, a result, are donating their time the event." Numerous local sale such as La Vogue and My Fathe Mustache, are being represented the cut-a-thon.

Circle K is advertising through the community to draw as m donators as possible. An A representative will be present dur the cut-a-thon, providing literat on ACS and its activities and a selling cookbooks. Later in semester an ACS representative speak at a Circle K meeting wh will be open to anyone interested attending.

The Circle K Club sponsors m events, such as the cut-a-thon, to charitable organizations and help the community. Helping with Special Olympics and tutoring at local elementary are just two amples of the many community vices Circle K performs.

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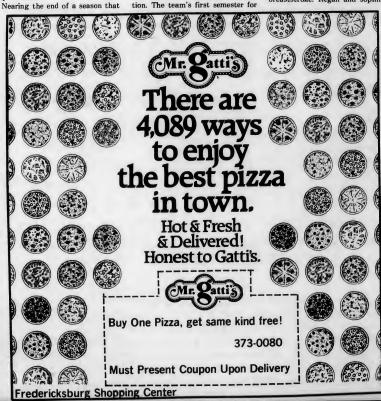
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Auditions for the Rude echanicals' Spring Production, appy Birthday, Wanda June by Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. will be held in Room 2 of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library on Friday, February 17 and Sunday, February 19 at 7:30 p.m. Parts for two women, five men, and sundry others will be

The movie Quadrophenia will be shown in Dodd Auditorium on Saturday, February 18 at 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$1.00.

A "Block Show," entertainment by area fraternities, will be held in the Pub at 6 p.m. on February 18. Admission is free. This event is part of the recognition of Black History Month at the College.

The Psychology Department will present Dr. Clark McCauley speaking on "The Reliability and Predictability of Standardized Tests and College Grades" on Monday, February 20 at 8 p.m. in Monroe 104. Informal reception following.

On Tuesday, February 21 at 4 p.m. Dr. Carl Droms, Asst. Prof. of Mathematics and Computer Science at JMU will be speaking on "Trisecting the Angle and Other Impossible
Dreams' in Combs 100.
Mathematics and computer science students considering graduate school are invited to speak with Prof. Droms following the lecture.

One out of ten students at MWC is gay. This is a national figure, the percentage at MWC may be higher than this. Another Gay Student Union is being formed since the GSU of the past dissolved with the graduation of the officers. The GSU will organize and discuss relevant issues, raise the consciousness of the student body as a whole and provide acceptance and support to gay men and women on campus. The organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28 at 6 p.m. in

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